



## JEFFERSON COUNTY

### **ADDENDUM 1 TO JUDGE JEFF BRANICK'S SEVENTH AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER**

Jefferson County Judge Jeff Branick issued his Seventh Amended Emergency Order which became effective immediately at 12:49 p.m. on March 27, 2020.

The following Orders are hereby incorporated into Judge Jeff Branick's Seventh Amended Emergency Order:

**WHEREAS**, circumstances are present in all of Jefferson County because of the physical and respiratory distress of those who may be infected by the Coronavirus, which creates a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

**WHEREAS**, any outdoor burning that causes a threat to public health or safety shall be avoided and/or extinguished. The burning of any materials presents the potential to release toxic or hazardous gases and pollutants including (but not limited to) plastics, fiberglass, and household trash, is expressly PROHIBITED. For further guidance or questions, contact your local Fire Department.

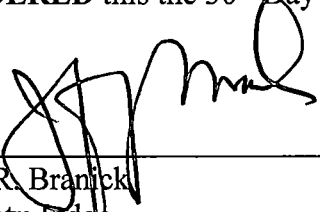
All should be advised that, in an effort to reduce exposure of our limited workforce, fire departments will not dispatch fire personnel or apparatus to a reported violation unless there is immediate danger to health or safety. We request law enforcement personnel direct property owners to extinguish their own fires, if found in violation, and take appropriate action to enforce this order. The Chiefs of each department remain available 24/7 to consult with law enforcement, and may be contacted through our respective Dispatch Centers.

This ban on open burning shall not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by Texas Parks and Wildlife for prescribed burns to enhance wetland habitat conditions and control fuel loads; the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: firefighter training, public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations, or harvesting agricultural crops; and, does not apply to burns to enhance wetland habitat conditions and control fuel loads.

If you have any questions regarding this you may call Fred Jackson at 409-835-8466 or Davilyn Walston at 409-835-8757

This addendum to Judge Jeff Branick's Seventh Amended Emergency Order becomes effective as specified and shall be strictly observed and enforced as if incorporated fully into that Emergency Order.

**ORDERED** this the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2020, at 12:11 P.M.



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Jeff R. Branick  
County Judge

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JUDGE JEFF BRANICK

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